



# YMVA Newsletter

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## Stormwater Management and Road Improvement Project

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Road reconstruction and Stormwater and Watermain installation in Priority Area A will be getting under way this summer. Councillor Cliff Jenkins will be providing a detailed update to all residents prior to the start of construction which will provide a time line and information on what residents can expect during the construction process. Now that Priority Area A is about to begin we will begin discussions with The City on the plan for Priority Area B and will keep you posted.

The following update on Priority Area A has been provided by Samuel Jebakumar from The City of Toronto:

**1. Donino Avenue** (south end to the bridge) **and Donino Court** - Road Reconstruction and Storm sewer and Watermain Installation

Storm sewer, Watermain and Road designs have been completed. Sewer outfall design at the Don River, west of Donino Avenue Bridge, is under way. The location and positioning of this sewer outfall poses some design challenges as expected. TRCA and MOE approval process have been initiated. Tender anticipated by May 2008.

**2. Plymbridge Road and Maytree Road** - Road Reconstruction and Storm sewer Installation

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Detail design in progress. This will be a late summer tender. Anticipated tender date will be notified in due course.

### **3. Watermain Installation across Don River from Green Valley to St. Margaret's**

Design complete. This will be tendered together with Plymbridge and Maytree.

### **4. Forest Glen Crescent, Doncliffe Drive and Mount Pleasant Road - Road Reconstruction and Storm sewer Installation**

Tender package is being reviewed and finalized. MOE approval awaited. Tender by mid May 2008.

For more information, please contact Leanne Lewis at [leannelewis@rogers.com](mailto:leannelewis@rogers.com) or 416-485-0959.

### **Valley Clean Up**

*By: Christine Acconcia  
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Another great event thanks to the 25 + volunteers who came to clean up the neighbourhood. Thank you to everyone!

### **Our new bulletin board at the Brookfield/Mill Street/ Donwoods entrance to the Valley**

We are working with the City to get our new bulletin board installed during the last week of April, the spotlight(s) shortly thereafter and the flower bed around it most likely in the Fall. We'd like to thank Dakota Mill Signs for their customized design. Working with them was a pleasure.

### **Gypsy Moth Infestation**

*By: Christine Acconcia and Leanne Lewis*

The Valley has experienced a significant Gypsy Moth infestation over the past few years. Not only is the damage they inflict on trees and shrubs unsightly, it is very hard on plant material if it is attacked several years in a row. The spring is the best time to fight the Gypsy Moth. Egg sacs can easily be removed by hand. The sacs are small (1/4"-1/2" long) irregular, grayish tan ovals. They are usually found on tree bark, behind downspouts and in other slightly hidden locations. Also, Gypsy Moth bands can be put around tree trunks which capture the caterpillars as they climb trees to feed. These bands are effective and can be purchased at Lee Valley and at various garden Centres.

Until our Hoggs Hollow website is up again, please check out the City of Toronto's website for all the information you need on taming the gypsy moth problem in our neighbourhood. Their website: <http://www.toronto.ca/trees/gypsy-moth.htm> .

### **Filming in The Valley**

Periodically film crews film in homes in The Valley. As this can present an occasional inconvenience to neighbours, some residents have generously negotiated with the production company to make a donation to The YMVA. Recently the Hewatt's on Donino made such an arrangement and the funds will be put toward our valley beautification efforts. Most production companies are happy to oblige so if you are having some filming done at your home, please consider asking the production company to make a donation to the YMVA.

### **Membership**

It's that time of year again; The YMVA Membership Drive is in full swing! All residents should have received their membership renewal notice in the mail in the past few weeks. If you did not receive yours or have misplaced it, here are the details:

Cheques should be made out to "The York Mills Valley Association" or "YMVA" in the amount of \$50.00.

Please mail or drop your cheque off to The YMVA c/o 21 Knightswood Road, North York, Ontario M4N 2G9. Please include your name, address and phone number to ensure that your dues are properly credited and also please note how you would like your name listed in The Valley Directory. As we are putting

concerned about sharing their email information, we can assure you that a strict protocol regarding email distribution will be in place and the confidentiality of the list will be closely guarded. However, this blast email list will be beneficial as we can provide timely reminders of city service changes or updates and other information of importance to our community.

To ensure that The Valley Directory is distributed in June, we are asking all residents to submit their membership cheques by May 16.

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Bowman at 416-489-2456 or [frank.bowman@fmc-law.com](mailto:frank.bowman@fmc-law.com)



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to get a blast email list for the valley anniversary this year. It is one of the

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resident participation and we encourage you to support The YMVA by taking out a membership.

## **Valley Crime Watch**

*By: Penny O'Rourke  
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Since the last Valley Newsletter, the following incidents have been reported.

.. A home on Donino had a car broken into. Nothing of value was taken, however, this was the second time since December.

.. In February on Donwoods Drive, thieves gained entry to a car left packed with items on return from a holiday as the driveway was too icy to move items safely into the house after a severe storm. Thieves took golf, ski and other personal items from luggage as well. It was felt that a waiting car nearby was used to transport all the items.

.. On March 15 during March break someone entered a home on Donwoods Drive by throwing a rock into the rear glass door then proceeded straight to the master bedroom and removed several items of jewellery. The alarm company arrived nine minutes after it was triggered and still someone was able to successfully get in and out. The owners said the snow had not been shoveled after a storm so remember to make these arrangements before travel in the winter. It was obvious that there was no activity at this house by the snow in the driveway.

Several residents have had their vehicles gone through and items stolen from sheds and garages. We encourage residents to be proactive: Always keep vehicles locked and do not keep valuables in your car. Also, if possible, keep cars parked in a garage. Garages and sheds should be locked at all times. Please continue to report any incidents to the police and to Penny O'Rourke.

## **NAG (Neighbourhood Activity Group) ACTIVITIES**

*Susanne Holland (416) 485-2218  
Michelle Hopper (416) 932-9198*

And starting in June, **Erin Nella & Chris Rosenthal** will be taking over as NAG co-chairs! Thank You!

*Please check notice boards to confirm event times and locations.*

## **KID'S SPRING FLING & PICNIC IN THE PARK**

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> (rain date – Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>)**

**11:00 – 1:00 pm. – in the park!**

**Call: Albina (416) 488-7248**

A great way for you and your kids to get out and enjoy the good weather!

Come out and do some fun outdoor games and activities in the park with your children. Maybe there will even be a scavenger hunt! Bring a blanket and a picnic lunch and stay on to enjoy the company of your neighbours in our beautiful park.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD AT THE MILLER**

**Thursday, May 22nd**

**@ 8:00 pm. @ The Miller Tavern**  
**Cost: \$30 per person (includes 2 beverages & tasting menu)**  
**Payment: Cash or cheque (payable to NAG). Please drop off at Susanne's house (14 Knightswood)**  
**Call: Michele (416) 932-9198**

Since we had such a spectacular turn out for our Fall Social last year, we all thought another get together at The Miller Tavern was in order! Come dressed casually to enjoy an evening with your neighbours in the Valley. This is a great way to catch up with old friends or make new ones. The Miller Tavern will again be preparing a fabulous tasting menu for the evening. Come join us for an evening in the Neighbourhood!



### **POSTER PARTY**

**Date: Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time: 1:00 pm.**  
**At: Ingrid & Ian's – 29 Plymbridge Crescent**

This is our main advertising event for our upcoming Valley Fair! So kids, come on out to make the posters that will entice EVERYONE to come to this year's fun-filled Fair!!

### **VALLEY FAIR!!!!** **Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Please see insert prepared by Kelly Fisher

### **NAG POT-LUCK LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:00 pm. @ Susanne's house**  
**14 Knightswood Road**  
**Call: Karen (416) 484-8403**

Let's get together one last time before the summer takes us in all different directions and places! Bring a favourite dish for all to share and spend an afternoon in the backyard with friends. **Everyone** welcome! You too Dom!!

### **Thanks**

A big **thanks you** to all of you who have stepped up to help with the Valley Fair. We can never do it without you and the team is strong!

Thank you to Chanda Carr for a GREAT Valley garage sale! It was well attended and most successful.

### **OUTDOOR LIVING TOUR**

**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 1pm to 4pm**

**11 mystery gardens in the Valley**  
Call: 416-593-7769x358, or @  
[www.tsvc.on.ca/outdoor\\_living\\_tour](http://www.tsvc.on.ca/outdoor_living_tour)

### **Ticket reservations are required.**

Great gift idea for Mothers' Day or any other occasions.

Tickets: \$25. All proceeds in support of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

*Have a great summer everyone!*

